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A WEEK'S HISTORY

The Important Happenings of a Week Briefly Told.

IN ALL PARTS OF THE UNION

All the Latest News of Interest from Washington, From the East, the West and the South.

THE LATEST FOREIGN DISPATCHES

FROM WASHINGTON.

A dispatch says that the United States treasury deficit for the fiscal year has been wiped out and a \$70,000 credit balance exists.

Secretary Shaw's plan to avert a possible financial panic is to give government deposits to banks where new circulation is taken out.

A government boarding home, to determine the effect of food prices, attire, coloring and adulteration on healthy persons, will be started in Washington.

At the present time the total national bank circulation outstanding (\$60,000,000) exceeds that of any period in the history of the national banking system.

Government monthly crop report puts the condition of corn at 54.3, nearly six points above the ten-year average. Other grains also have high figures.

Appointment is announced of John P. DeBolt to be judge at Honolulu, vice Abraham S. Humphreys, resigned. Mr. DeBolt is a prominent member of the Honolulu bar.

President Roosevelt has removed William Vaughan United States district attorney for the northern district of Alabama, for neglect of duty.

THE EAST.

The developments in the coal strike indicate activity in peace negotiations. Mitchell has been called to conference with Gov. Stone.

The president concluded his southern tour and reached Oyster Bay to rest until the beginning of his western trip, September 19.

The democratic nominee, Henry F. Hollis, of Concord, for governor of New Hampshire.

A draft for \$1,500 from the Welsh miners has been received by President Mitchell. The donation was made to the American mine.

The plans have about been completed for the reception which President Roosevelt will tender to the citizens of Nassau county on the 15th instant at Oyster Bay. It is probable that between 10,000 and 12,000 people will attend.

The public school registration, just completed, shows a total for Greater New York of 302,900 scholars. This is an increase of 35,000 over the preceding year.

George Lindhorst was bitten by a fly two weeks ago at Brooklyn, N. Y., and died. The physicians pronounced it an extraordinary case of blood poisoning.

Thinking his brother was a burglar, Sam Kendellwood shot and killed him at Ironwood, Va.

WEST AND SOUTH.

Near Wenona, Ga., William Mobley, a negro who attempted to assault a young white girl, was hanged by a mob.

Robbers took \$4,000 from the bank at Lewisburg, Ky.

White caps whipped Matt Sturgeon and his wife near Bloomington, Ind., and warned them to quit the county at once.

The death of W. C. Anderson, congressman from the First district of Tennessee from 1874 to 1890, occurred at Newport.

Colorado democrats have nominated Edward C. Stinson, of Cripple Creek, for governor.

John Lomax (colored), who assaulted Susie Costenader, a young woman, was hanged at Monroe, Va.

The president traveled through North Carolina on his way to Washington and was greeted by large crowds at many places.

A St. Louis grand jury reindicted all members of the house of delegates' badge committee, members of which were sworn to forfeit their lives for confederacy.

Walter and Leroy Woodruff (brothers) and William Tennant, a brother-in-law, were drowned at Manitowish, Mich.

In the Second Wisconsin district John J. Wood, of Berlin, has been nominated for congress by the democrats.

Burglars robbed the post office at Miami, Mo., of \$500 in money and stamps.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Frederickburg Brewing company at San Jose, Cal., the loss being \$500,000.

In St. Louis all but six of the 19 members of the alleged combine of the house of delegates, who are under indictment on various counts, are under arrest.

G. W. Shoemaker, for eight years postmaster at Albany, Mo., and a prominent lawyer, has been sentenced to prison for ten years for defrauding the county on school fund loans.

His wife, Albert Fredericka, and his child, an aged couple, committed suicide by inhaling gas.

The Iowa democrats have nominated Martin L. Wade for congress in the Second district and George W. Cullison in the Ninth.

Seven Oregon confederate veterans have refused the proffered aid of Gen. Torrence, commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. They decline with thanks the money to build a home for indigent confederate soldiers in Astoria.

Republicans in state convention in Washington pledged support to President Roosevelt in 1904.

Horace Boles, of Waterloo, Ia., ex-governor of Iowa, has been nominated by the democrats of the Third district. His opponent in the republican ticket is Speaker Hendricks.

At the age of 74 Wilson Ray, who supervised the construction of the confederate ram Merrimack, is dead at his home in Hampton, Va.

At Ashley, Ia., are destroyed \$200,000 worth of property in the business district.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI.

Citizens of Macon want that city to be made division headquarters for the new St. Louis railroad.

Ward Thompson, a negro inmate of the Fulton hospital for the insane, from Butler county, was killed by jumping from a bluff near the institution.

Mrs. Nancy Smith, wife of a wholesale furniture dealer at St. Joseph, who died recently, was a member of the wealthy Hax family of St. Joseph.

Roy Elwood, aged 16, was working at the top of a mine near Mendon when a passing cage struck him, knocking him into the mine and killing him.

Capt. L. W. Summers, steward of the Fulton hospital for the insane, raised a pumpkin this year which weighs 155 pounds. It is 6 1/2 feet in circumference.

Excelsior Springs businessmen expect a racing center to be located in this place in the near future to make that town a racing center.

In pursuance of this plan arrangements are to be made for the construction and maintenance of the finest mile kite-shaped track in the United States.

The monthly report of the state board of agriculture places the condition of corn at 195, seven points above last month. Apples are about one-third of a crop. The number of hogs and cattle is very short. The quantity of potatoes is rated at 104, quantity 100.

Mrs. J. C. Crichton, 28 years old and good looking, who recently separated from her husband, committed suicide at St. Joseph because she was told by a fortune teller that she could never be reunited with her husband, and that there was serious trouble in store for her.

Mrs. Gleason Moore Brady, circuit clerk of Vernon county, who is believed to be the only woman that ever held a political office in Missouri, is tired of her job, and says she will be glad to retire when her term expires. She says she prefers to devote her duties to those of politics and public office.

Among the convicts in the Wright county district court was Thomas Polster, who is 35 years of age and has served five terms in the Missouri penitentiary since from Wright county, and all others from Ozark and once from St. Louis counties. His period of service in the penitentiary aggregates 15 years, 6 months and 25 days.

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MADE PROMPT RESPONSE.

No Delay in the Sailing of the Ship Ordered to the Isthmus of Panama.

The Panther Will Not Take the Matter Resting on the Navy Department for Additional Time Shall Receive More Apparent Than at Present.

Washington, Sept. 12.—By noon Friday the navy department had been advised that the two warships ordered to the Isthmus of Panama had sailed for their destinations. A telegram was received from Rear-Admiral Casey, commanding the Pacific station, stating that the big battleship Wisconsin left Bremerton Friday, and after taking on coal at San Francisco, will resume her long voyage down the Pacific coast.

With the same promptness which characterized her hurrying to the scene of the terrible disaster at Manila, the navy department has responded to the request of the Isthmian government, and the navy department's orders, and called Secretary Moody to take effect Friday morning. As a further indication that the vigorous efforts of the navy department to relieve the situation on the Isthmus, are none too early, the following cablegram was received from Commander Potter, of the Ranger, who, with his small gunboat, the Ranger, has for the past several days been in the Isthmus, the entire situation to look after.

"Panama, (receiving) message this morning (saying) revolutionaries near railroad line. Situation serious. Transit across isthmus still open. [Signed] "POTTER."

In view of the reports that political significance attaches to this latest dispatch of naval force to the Isthmus of Panama, a statement was gained from a high and unquestionable official source to the effect that the presentation of American interests and the enforcement of treaty guarantees are the only two considerations involved in the sending of additional warships to Panama and Colon. It was pointed out that peculiar circumstances made necessary the dispatch of a force more formidable than the occasion really warranted.

It is learned that the department has decided not to send the Panther with the battalion of marines to the Isthmus, as Commander McLean, on the arrival of the Cincinnati at Colon, informs the department that the men are needed. In the meantime, the battalion will be equipped and provisioned and the ship is held in readiness for an immediate departure for Colon.

Rear-Admiral Silas Casey, commander-in-chief of the Pacific station, will go down to Panama aboard the Wisconsin and take personal command of the naval forces upon his arrival there.

PICKS GOOD FIGHTING MEN. An Out-and-Out American Crew Will Man Colombian Steamer Bogota When She Leaves Port.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—There is every prospect that the steamer Jesse Banning, when she sails from this port under the Colombian flag, will have on board an out-and-out American crew, officers and all.

Seymour Dutton, a reporter on a San Francisco morning paper, has shipped as executive officer of the Bogota, as the converted steamer will be called. Dutton, who is a grandson of Admiral Seymour, was educated at the Annapolis naval academy, and was an officer on the Gloucester during the naval operations in Cuban waters. Capt. N. H. Marmaduke will command.

Just when the Jesse Banning will leave this port is uncertain. She is supposed to be refitted here, but the vessel can put to sea in a week if necessary.

At Acapulco the steamer is to pick up a big crew of 200 men, who will get her small guns, including a gatling, and ammunition.

GEN. CHICOPE EXECUTED. The President General Who Set Fire to Petit Goave, Haiti, and Who was Captured, Executed.

Port au Prince, Haiti, Sept. 12.—Gen. Chicope, of the French forces, who was defeated at Petit Goave, August 8, and set fire to that town before evacuating it, and who was subsequently arrested near Jacmel, was executed at Jacmel, Wednesday, September 10, after having been tried by a military tribunal.

Woman Admitted To Bar. New York, Sept. 12.—Ella Haynie, of Baltimore, has appeared before the clerk of the court of appeals here, qualified and taken the oath of admission to the bar, says a Tribune special from Annapolis, Md.

Insanity From Yaws Warm. New York, Sept. 12.—After performing an autopsy on the body of Rudolph Haller, a laborer, a coroner's physician has decided that insanity from which Haller suffered and died, was caused by a tape worm in the bowels.

High Prices For Exchange Seat. New York, Sept. 12.—High records for stock exchange seats have been broken by the purchase of a membership for an unknown western man for \$10,000. In addition to this sum, \$1,000 will be the price of initiation.

Found Guilty of Treason Warm. Portland, Ore., Sept. 12.—The jury in the case of A. J. Belding, charged with killing three persons in this city two months ago, rendered a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree.

A MULTI-MILLIONAIRE DEAD.

Winfield Scott Stratton, the Well-Known Mining Man, Passed Away at Colorado Springs.

Colorado Springs, Col., Sept. 15.—Winfield Scott Stratton, the millionaire mining man, died at 9:35 Sunday night.

Mr. Stratton had been ill for several months. He had been in a critical condition for several weeks, and his death was expected at any time. He had been unconscious throughout the day, and relatives, including a sister, Mrs. Jennie Cobb, of San Jose, Cal., who is the only near relative who survives Mr. Stratton, did not leave his bedside at any time.

Mr. Stratton was born at Jeffersonville, Ind., in 1848. After an education in the city schools of Jeffersonville he mastered the carpenter's trade. He came to Colorado Springs in 1872, and has since been a resident of this city. For 30 years more or less he has been interested in mining, being a prospector in various Colorado camps before he opened the famous Independence lode.

In April, 1891, having secured some specimens of gold ore from the Cripple Creek district that impressed him favorably, he went to that camp to prospect. On the 3d of July, after weeks of fruitless prospecting, a man who agreed to show him having discovered a lode, he returned to Colorado Springs and made arrangements to go to Cripple Creek and stake out a claim on his own account. He rode the 25 miles from this city to the camp on horseback, and on the morning of the Fourth of July, 1891, staked the Independence lode, and Washington lode.

The Independence lode gave him original assays of \$300 to the ton, and in 1892 he leased and bonited the Washington for \$50,000. The Independence yielded Stratton millions, and in 1898 was sold by him for \$100,000, he retaining, however, a very considerable interest.

Mr. Stratton's private charities were boundless, and his interest in the public welfare was almost without limit. He was the owner of the Colorado Springs street railway system. His wealth is estimated at from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

TO REINFORCE THE ISTHMUS. The Colombian Government Warns Up to the Fact that Panama and Colon Are in Danger.

Panama, Colombia, Sept. 15.—Advices received here from Barranquilla say the government cruiser Cartagena is at that port awaiting the arrival of troops down the Magdalena river from Honda. A dispatch has been received here from the minister of war at Bogota saying that Gen. Perdomo and his army are coming to relieve the Isthmus as quickly as possible. The war minister ordered Gen. Salazar to employ all the means in his power to resist the insurgents pending the arrival of Gen. Perdomo. Gen. Perdomo recently pacified the province of Tolima, and the facts of his new being sent to the Isthmus are taken as proof that the government at Bogota appreciates the perilous situation of its forces here.

The insurgent general, Herrera, is reported to be strengthening his position at Neje and Chame. It is believed in certain quarters that he may have resolved not to attack Panama or Colon, having heard how well these ports are defended. Unless Gen. Herrera attacks within the next few days he may lose his chances of capturing the Isthmus, which is the main objective of his campaign.

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THE SPINDLETOP OIL FIRE.

The Conflagration Reported to Have Burned Itself Out to a Great Extent.

WIDE VARIANCE IN ESTIMATED LOSS.

A Large Number of Derrick and Several Pumping Plants Destroyed, Much Oil Burned and One Gasoline Tanker to \$250,000 a Column of Flame.

Beaumont, Tex., Sept. 12.—At daylight this morning the fire in the oil field burned itself out, and to-night there are only four wells and one tank burning. One of the wells is a big gusher, and there will be much trouble experienced in extinguishing it. The smaller wells can be easily handled, as the fire is principally fed by gas. The oil is being drawn from the tanks as rapidly as possible, and they will probably burn themselves out to-night. There is a breeze blowing, but it is sweeping across the field and toward the fire. Even if it changes there will be little danger of further loss, for the reason that all the exposed oil has been burned off. There is a large force of workmen on the grounds, and a spread of the fire can now be checked in its incipency.

Estimate of the Loss. The loss caused by the fire is variously